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FOR AMBASSADOR KIRK, AF/E

FOL TEL SENT ACTION MOGADISCIO, NAIROBI, INFO LUANDA
ON 26 SEP 73, REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION, QUOTE

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FOR AMBASSADOR KIRK AND MESSRS. LINDSTROM & BRIGGS

1. PURSUANT REFTTEL, I SUGGEST WE MIGHT ORGANIZE PRESENTATION OF
"EFFECT OF SOVIET AND PRC ACTIVITIES ON OUR POSITION IN AFRICA"
ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A) HISTORIAL PRESPECTIVE

1) EVOLUTION IN US ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT OF SOVIET AND PRC ACT-
IVITIES ON US POSITION.

2) HAS THERE BEEN EVOLUTION AS WELL IN SOVIET AND CHICOM PER-
CEPTION OF WHAT THEY CAN ACHIEVE IN LDC'S?

3) EFFECT, IF ANY, OF SINO-SOVIET HOSTILITY ON HEIR OPERAT-
IONS IN LDC'S AND ON US POSITION.

B) CURRENT SITUATION RE PARC AND SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN LDC'S.

1) WHAT IS SIGNIFICANCE OF DETENTE FOR THIS SUBJECT? HOW LONG
WILL DETENTE LAST?

2) SOUTHEAST ASIA

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3) PERSIAN GULF

4) AFRICA

A. PRC APPROACH - TANZANIA

B. SOVIET APPROACH - SOMALIA

C. PRESENCE OF BOTH - KENYA? MAURITIUS? OTHER STATES IN

AFRICA?

D. MADAGASCAR - EVOLUTION OF A NEW DEVELOPMENT.

C) WHAT CONCLUSIONS CAN BE REACHED RE OBJECTIVES OF PRC AN SOVIET ACTIVITIES AND HOW MUCH DO THEY AFFECT US?

1) STRATEGIC - INDIAN OCEAN

2) POLITICAL - BILATERAL? MULTILATERAL - U AND OTHER INTER-NATIOCQL ORGANIZATIONS AND COTVVERENCES?

3) ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL.

D) WHAT CAN US DO ABOUT SITUATION?

2. I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD ENGAGE IN COMBINATION OF STRAIGHT PRESENTATION AND COLLOQUISM (RATHER THAN EACH CONFINING OURSELVES TO UNINTERRUPTED PRESENTATION, AS REFTEL IMPLIES), USING AS FRAMEWORK ABOVE OUTLINE, AS MAY BE MODIFIED BY ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

3. IN THIS MANNER I BELIEVE WE COULD DRAW TO MAXIMUM ON SOVIET AND LDC EXPERIENCE YOU HAVE BOTH HAD, AS WELL AS AMB KIRK'S RECENT VIETNAM BACKGROUND AND MR. LINDSTROM'S KNOWLEDGE OF PRC FROM HONG KONG TOUR. FOR EXAMPLE, YOU MIGHT BOTH CONTRIBUTE TO ITEM 1 A (2), AMB KIRK TO 1 A (3) WITH REFERENCE PERHAPS TO VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA, TO 1 B (2), AND OF COURSE HANDLE 1 B (4) (B), AND MR. LINDSTROM 1 B (4) (C). KYOU WOULD ALL BE FREE AS WELL (WITHIN OUR OVERALL TIME LIMIT OF ABOUT 20 MIMQTES) TO CONTRIBUTE TO OTHER ITEMS, PARTICULARLY TO 1 C AND 1 D WHICH REPRESENT CRUX OF QUESTION.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTION TO ABOVE.

5. I APOLOGIZE, LINDSTROM, FOR SENDING THIS DURING IMF/IBRD MEETING, AND APPRECIATE THAT YOU WILL HAVE NO TIME TO ANSWER UNTIL NEXT WEEK. I AM LEAVING TANANARIVE OCT 4 FOR THREE WEEKS, AND THOUGHT WE SHOULD TRY AGREE ON OUR APPROACH BEFORE THEN. SIGNED MENDENHALL UNQUOTE.
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